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S. 1429

To amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize prosecution of terrorists who attack United States nationals abroad, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11 (legislative day, JULY 8), 1985

Mr. SPECTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That this Act may be cited as the “Terrorist Prosecution Act
4 of 1985”.

5 SEC. 2. (a) Part I of title 18, United States Code, is
6 amended by inserting after chapter 113 the following:

7 **“CHAPTER 113A—TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST**
8 **UNITED STATES NATIONALS ABROAD**

“Sec.

“2321. Terrorist acts against United States nationals abroad.

“Section 2321. Terrorist acts against United States Nationals abroad.

1 “(a) Whoever in an act of international terrorism kills or
2 attempts to kill any national of the United States shall be
3 punished as provided under section 1111, 1112, and 1113 of
4 this title, except that any such person who is found guilty of
5 murder in the first degree shall be sentenced to imprisonment
6 for life, and any such person who is found guilty of attempted
7 murder shall be imprisoned for not more than twenty years.

8 “(b) Whoever in an act of international terrorism as-
9 saults, strikes, wounds, imprisons, or makes any other violent
10 attack upon the person or liberty of any national of the
11 United States in any foreign country or in international
12 waters or air space, or, if likely to endanger his or her person
13 or liberty, makes violent attacks upon his or her official
14 premises, private accommodation, or means of transport, or
15 attempts to commit any of the foregoing, shall be fined not
16 more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than three years,
17 or both. Whoever in the commission of any such act uses a
18 deadly or dangerous weapon shall be fined not more than
19 \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both.

20 “(c) For the purposes of this section, ‘international ter-
21 rorism’ is used as defined in the Foreign Intelligence Surveil-
22 lance Act, title 50, section 1801(c).

23 “(d) The United States may exercise jurisdiction over
24 the alleged offense if the alleged offender is present in the
25 United States, irrespective of the place where the offense

1 was committed or the nationality of the victim or the alleged
2 offender.

3 “(e) In enforcing subsections (a) and (b), the Attorney
4 General may request and shall receive assistance from any
5 Federal, State, or local agency, including the Army, Navy,
6 and Air Force, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, any
7 statute, rule, or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding.”.

8 (b) The table of chapters for part I of title 18, United
9 States Code, is amended by inserting after the item for chap-
10 ter 113, the following:

“113A—Terrorist acts against United States nationals abroad... 2321”.

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